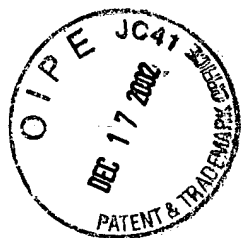


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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 10-14, 21-26, and 31-36) for prosecution in the present application.

The present election is being made with traverse. The non-elected Group is directed to a hybrid power system or device and the elected Group is drawn to a hybrid powered vehicle. Thus, a proper search for art related to the elected Group would necessarily include the classes and subclasses relevant to a search for the non-elected Group. Thus, examination of all the claims would not present "a serious burden on the Examiner." M.P.E.P. § 803. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the present restriction requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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